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TAGS: EFIN,

SUBJECT: PROJECT SITE VISITS BY TREASURY/CONGRESSIONAL
DELEGATION

1. WITH INTERNATIONAL LENDING INSTITUTIONS PLAYING AN
INCREASING PART IN CHANNELING ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE TO DE-
VELOPING COUNTRIES AND IN VIEW SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT OF
FUNDING BEING REQUESTED FROM CONGRESS, PROJECT VISIT TRIPS
ARE PART OF BROAD EFFORT BY THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH TO PROVIDE
OPPORTUNITY FOR MEMBERS OF CONGRESS AND EXECUTIVE BRANCH TO
GAIN DIRECT KNOWLEDGE OF LOAN PROGRAMS OF INTERNATIONAL
FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS. TRIP THUS IS PART OF OVER-ALL
CONSULTATIVE PROCESS WITH CONGRESS AS MEMBERS OF KEY
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CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES RESPONSIBLE FOR IFI LEGISLATION

WILL BE ON U.S. DELEGATION TO THE IDB ANNUAL MEETING.

2. PRELIMINARY PLANNING FOR PROJECT VISITS FOLLOWING THE IDB-S ANNUAL MEETING (SANTO DOMINGO, MAY 19-21) IS CONCENTRATED ON COLOMBIA (NORTH COAST, MAY 22-23) AND MEXICO (YUCATAN PENINSULA, MAY 24-26). PLEASE SLUG RESPONSES FOR TREASURY FOR ZINMAN/LOHMANN.

3. TREASURY/CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION WILL TOTAL APPROXIMATELY 45 PERSONS, THEREFORE REQUEST YOU INQUIRE ABOUT

HOTEL SPACE (35 ROOMS) IN CARTAGENA AND MERIDA, AVAILABILITY OF BUS TRANSPORTATION, AND ADEQUACY OF AIRPORT FACILITIES IN CARTAGENA, BARRANQUILLA, MERIDA AND CANCUN. WE WILL APPRECIATE RECEIVING BY COB 19 MARCH YOUR INITIAL INFORMATION ON ABOVE AND ANY REASONS WHY TENTATIVE SCHEDULE MAY BE UNACCEPTABLE. CONCURRENCE FROM HOST GOVERNMENTS IS, OF COURSE, NECESSARY FOR VISITS. WE WILL ALSO BE CONSULTING WITH IDB MANAGEMENT.

4. FOR BOGOTA: INFORMATION AVAILABLE HERE SUGGESTS WE MIGHT SELECT FROM AMONG: (1) BARRANQUILLA PORT IMPROVEMENTS (IDB), (2) BARRANQUILLA BRIDGE (IBRD), (3) CARTAGENA WATER SUPPLY (IDB), AND (4) SUB-PROJECT OF DFC LOAN TO CORPORACION FINANCIERA DEL NORTE (IBRD). WE ARE TENTATIVELY INTERESTED IN POSSIBILITY OF VISITING PROJECTS BETWEEN BARRANQUILLA AND CARTAGENA. WE WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING BY MARCH 28 YOUR COMMENTS ON ABOVE AND ALSO OTHER SUGGESTIONS, FOR EXAMPLE AN AGRICULTURAL PROJECT. ALSO PLEASE CHECK AVAILABILITY OF GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS TO CONDUCT PROJECT BRIEFINGS AND TOURS.

5. FOR MEXICO CITY: INFORMATION AVAILABLE HERE SUGGESTS WE MIGHT SELECT FROM AMONG FOLLOWING: (1) MERIDA WATER SUPPLY (IDB), (2) IRRIGATION PROJECTS (IDB), AND (3) CANCUN TOURISM PROJECT (IDB). WE ARE INTERESTED IN VISITING IRRIGATION PROJECTS ALONG THE ROAD FROM MERIDA TO CANCUN. WE WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING BY MARCH 28 YOUR COMMENTS OR SUGGESTIONS ON PROJECT SITES, INCLUDING

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